

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **May Operations**

Consistent with the 2011 operations plan, the May 1st UKL inflow forecast will require an average Klamath River base flow (below IGD) of 2,642 cfs for the period of May 1st – 15th. Real time flows may be as low as 2,115 cfs as long as the time period average is at or above 2,642 cfs. The mid-month forecast increased requiring an average Klamath River base flow (below IGD) of 2,960 cfs for the period of May 16th – 31st.

Additional releases from Link River Dam (LRD) will be made when the UKL elevation is above the threshold elevation of 4142.6 ft for May 1st – 15th or 4142.4 for May 16th – 31st. Flows during this time will be released with the general goal of holding the lake at or near that threshold elevation. If these releases cause Iron Gate Dam flows to increase above their maximums (3,480 cfs for May 1st – 15th and 3,845 for May 16th – 31st) then the flow will be held at the maximum while allowing additional water to be stored in UKL.

Iron Gate flows for the first half of May averaged at 3,649 cfs and ranged between 3,100 cfs and 4,610 cfs. Flows for the second half of May are expected to be within this same range but will depend heavily on the inflow to UKL.